Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1.   (Amended) A system for routing e-mails, comprising:

a server that includes a database, said database including a mapping from a physical address to an e-mail address, wherein said server including means for mapping a physical address to an e-mail address upon receipt of an e-mail from a party, said server is connected to a network, said server further including an electronic mailbox for each physical address, wherein said electronic mailbox is associated with an account number and password; and

a recipient host that includes a web browser, said recipient host connected to said network, wherein said host can access e-mails on said server using said account number and said password.

2.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said server provides means for allowing said recipient to request that said e-mail be printed and forwarded via traditional mail.

3.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said server provides a graphical user interface that allows a recipient to select whether electronic mail is delivered to said electronic mailbox or is delivered via traditional mail.

4.   (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a mailer host that includes a web browser, said mailer host connected to said network, wherein said mailer host includes a graphical user interface that allows said recipient to forward an e-mail to said mailer recipient using said physical address.

5.   (Original) A method for routing e-mail, comprising the following steps:

allowing a user to specify a physical address of a recipient to whom the e-mail is to be sent; and

performing a mapping function on a server, said mapping function mapping said physical address of said recipient to an e-mail address of said recipient.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of allowing said recipient to choose between receiving a physical mailpiece and an e-mail, wherein if said recipient chooses to receive e-mail, then storing the e-mail in an electronic mailbox for said recipient; and wherein if said recipient chooses to receive physical mail, then routing the e-mail to a printer where the e-mail is printed and delivered via traditional mail delivery means.

7.   (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

~~dividing~~ associating said e-mail ~~into~~ with one of a plurality of ~~classes,~~ ~~said classes being specified by a particular~~ via an E-designator tag; and

specifying said classes for which said recipient desires to receive a physical mailpiece and said classes for which said recipient desires to receive e-mail.

8.   (Amended) A method for routing e-mail, comprising the following steps:

~~allowing a user to specify a physical address of a recipient to whom the e-~~ ~~mail is to be sent;~~

sending an e-mail using a physical address of a recipient, wherein said e-mail has a designator tag that associates said e-mail with one or a plurality of classes of service;

performing a mapping function on a server upon receipt of said e-mail ~~serve~~, said mapping function mapping said physical address of said recipient to an e-mail address of said recipient;

~~dividing the e-mail into classes, said classes being specified by a~~ ~~particular E-designator tag;~~

specifying said classes for which said recipient desires to receive a physical mailpiece and said classes for which said recipient desires to receive an actual copy of the e-mail in a mail control file;

storing the e-mail in an electronic mailbox of said recipient; and

if said recipient chooses to receive physical mail, then routing the e-mail to a printer where the e-mail is printed, delivering the e-mail via traditional mail delivery means, and electronically notifying said recipient and sender that a physical copy of the e-mail was sent to said recipient.

9.   (Amended) A system for routing e-mails, comprising:

a server that includes a database, said database including a mapping from a physical address to an e-mail address, wherein said server is connected to a network, said server further including an electronic mailbox for each physical address, wherein said electronic mailbox is associated with an account number and password, wherein said server includes a mail control file containing E-designators, said E-designators representing classes ~~in which said e-mail is divided~~ of service; and

a recipient host, said host being able to access e-mails on said server using said account number and said password.

10.   (Amended) A method for parcel delivery notification, comprising the following steps:

(a)   receiving an electronic order for a parcel;

(b)   generating a parcel barcode;

(c)   scanning a parcel barcode;

(d)   ~~electronically notifying~~ sending an e-mail to a buyer who placed said electronic order by e-mail, wherein ~~addressed to~~ a physical address of said buyer is used to send said e-mail, said step (d) occurring upon executing said scanning step (c);

(e)   shipping the parcel to a parcel delivery center;

(f)   scanning the parcel barcode at said parcel delivery center; and

(g)   electronically notifying said buyer who placed said electronic order by e-mail, wherein ~~addressed to~~ said physical address of said buyer is used to send said e-mail, said step (g) occurring upon executing said step (f).

11.   (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising an interface that allows a party to send an e-mail using a physical address, said interface providing means for correcting

said physical address.

12.   (New) The system of claim 11, wherein said e-mail can be tagged as time sensitive by said party.

13.   (New) The method of claim 5, further comprising storing the e-mail in an electronic mailbox, wherein said electronic mailbox is associated with said recipient.

14.   (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising allowing said recipient to access said electronic mailbox using an account number and password.

15.   (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising requiring said recipient to enter biometric data to access said electronic mailbox.

16.   (New) The method of claim 5, further comprising printing the e-mail and mailing it to said recipient via traditional mail delivery means.

17.   (New) The method of claim 5, further comprising allowing said user to associate the e-mail with a class of service selected from a plurality of classes.